

PREPARING FOR APPRENTICESHIP

Apprenticeship is a big commitment. Now that you have read through most of this section and learned what apprenticeship is, it's time to really think about whether apprenticeship is something you want to pursue. Usually, we describe someone as 'motivated' if they are ready to do what it takes to achieve their goal.



#14: Motivation

Read the following paragraph to identify whether Pat is ready and motivated.

Pat has said for many years that she'd like to go back to school and learn a trade. She's tired of low-paying jobs with little job security. After a friend tells her about a pre-apprenticeship program in her city, she enrolls. The first day of school she has difficulty finding the address, and arrives a few minutes late. She takes home an assignment, but runs out of time that night because friends visit. The next day she has to leave early because of a dentist appointment. By the second week she realizes she's not very interested in the work. By the third week, she has decided to drop out and return to her old job.

Answer these questions about the paragraph.

1. Do you think Pat was motivated to succeed?

2. What were the signs that Pat wasn't ready to work towards her goal?

3. What could she have done differently to better her chances at success?
